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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/48/627)]

48/100. World Summit for Social Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, by which it decided to convene the World Summit for Social Development, agreed on the objectives and core issues of the Summit and, inter alia, established a preparatory committee,

Recalling also the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council during the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993 on the question of the Summit and the deliberations of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session, 1/

Recalling further the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development at its organizational session to convene the Summit at Copenhagen on 11 and 12 March 1995, preceded by a meeting of personal representatives of heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments, from 6 to 10 March 1995, 2/

Considering that the Summit and its preparatory process should strengthen efforts by all countries to promote policies for the enhancement of

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. II.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/48/24), annex II, decision 9.

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social integration in all societies, the alleviation and reduction of poverty and the expansion of productive employment,

Considering also the contributions of non-governmental organizations,

Taking into account the need to facilitate the work of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the summary prepared by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the deliberations of the Council during the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993 3/ and of Commission for Social Development resolution 33/1 of 17 February 1993; 4/

2. Also takes note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development on its organizational session; 5/

3. Calls upon all States, in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 47/92, to appoint personal representatives of the heads of State or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives to participate in the first session of the Preparatory Committee;

4. Invites all States to contribute generously to the voluntary Trust Fund established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92 for the additional activities required for the preparation and holding of the Summit, particularly the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process;

5. Also invites all States to set up national committees or other arrangements for the Summit and to hold meetings for public debate on the core issues to be addressed by the Summit;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary provisions, within existing resources, so that the Preparatory Committee may, if it so decides:

(a) Establish, during its first session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of one week;

(b) Establish, during its second session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of two weeks;

(c) Establish, during its third session, two working groups to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of two weeks;

3/ A/48/3, chap. II, sect. B.

4/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. I.D.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/48/24).

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to report to the Preparatory Committee at its first session on the implementation of the programme of public information for the Summit;

8. Invites the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations, in particular the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the regional commissions and competent regional organizations, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to inform the Preparatory Committee at its first session about their contributions to the Summit and its preparatory process;

9. Calls upon the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations and those accredited to the Summit and its preparatory process to contribute fully to the work of the Preparatory Committee and to the Summit;

10. Requests the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the progress of work of the Committee and the preparations for the Summit.

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